



pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
& ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CENTER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

Creating Resilient Communities



Erie, PA



PARTNERS & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The mission of the Center for Community Services is improving the quality of life in Pennsylvania. To reach our goals, we focus on promoting community partnerships, effective programs, and managing agency accountability.

The Center for Community Services works with local governments and nonprofits to provide critical programs and services for distressed areas and low-income residents. Through a combination of grant funding and technical assistance and training, the Center and its partners help ensure that Pennsylvanians experiencing economic hardship receive help to improve their quality of life and achieve self-sufficiency.

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CSBG)

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program is a federally-funded block grant. Community Action Agencies receive funds based on an entitlement formula. These grants focus on addressing the root causes and conditions of poverty across Pennsylvania. CSBG funding helps Community Action Agencies provide disadvantaged and low-income communities with important services including case management, job training, food and nutrition, transportation, education, housing, drug and alcohol counseling and economic development. dced.pa.gov/csbg

WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WAP)

Pennsylvania's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) helps low-income families cut their energy costs by increasing the energy efficiency of their homes, while ensuring their health and safety. WAP reduces national energy consumption and the impact of higher fuel costs on low-income families using the most advanced technologies and testing protocols available in the housing industry. dced.pa.gov/wx





Lebanon, PA



Hazleton, PA



Erie, PA



Scranton, PA



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Pennsylvania's Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) includes five tax credit programs. These programs promote community participation and collaboration between nonprofits, businesses, and residents to help a distressed area or the low-income population in a specific neighborhood.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM (NAP)

A project must serve distressed areas or support neighborhood conservation. Projects must fall under one of the following categories: affordable housing programs, community services, crime prevention, education, job training or neighborhood assistance. A tax credit of up to 55% can be given.

dced.pa.gov/nap

NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (NPP)

Supports long-term collaborations (five years or more) of business, government and community leaders to produce a comprehensive, asset-based and relationship-driven approach to community development. A tax credit of 75% or 80% can be given based on the length of the program (Please refer to the guidelines for more information).

SPECIAL PROGRAM PRIORITIES (SPP)

Targets specific problems and projects which the state has designated as priorities in a distressed area. The tax benefit to a business firm contributing to an approved SPP application would be eligible for up to a 75% tax credit.

CHARITABLE FOOD PROGRAM (CFP)

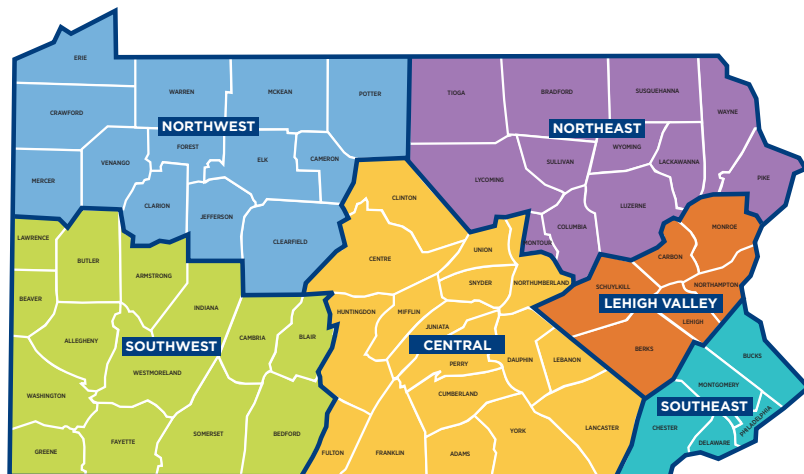
Helps regional food banks and emergency food providers. Funding to CFP is supplied through tax credits given to businesses making contributions to an approved provider. A tax credit of up to 55% can be given.

ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM (EZP)

Provides tax credits to businesses or industries (includes insurance companies, banks, saving and loans, etc.) investing in or making physical improvements to properties located within designated enterprise zones. Tax credits 25% of amount invested; up to \$500,000 total tax credits per project. dced.pa.gov/ezp

MEET THE TEAM

The Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED)'s regional offices are the first point of contact for local agencies and municipalities regarding economic development programs and are invested in enhancing quality of life for all Pennsylvanians through city and borough revitalization. Contact an office near you to get started.



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